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THE FRENCH ALPS.
PROVENCE-ALPES-
CÔTE D'AZUR.

NOW.

YOU'VE
CLIMBED A
LONG WAY
FROM THE
STREETS OF
GOTHAM.

I REMEMBER FIRST
MEETING YOU--YOUNG,
STUPID AND ANGRY.

"HENRI DUCARD--
THE WORLD'S GREATEST
MANHUNTER," YOU CALLED
ME. I DISARMED YOU WITH
MY **STRICT CONTESTOR**--
A MERE **TRAINING**
SWORD.

BUT YOU
DIDN'T RUN.
YOU WANTED TO
LEARN.

YOU HAD
THE **SAME**
LOOK ON YOUR
FACE AS YOU
DO NOW.

WHAT
CAN I DO
FOR YOU,
BRUCE?

TEACH,
DUCARD. FOR
YEARS, YOUR WAYS
HELPED ME THROUGH
COUNTLESS
CASES...

BUT I'VE
FINALLY FOUND
A **MYSTERY**
I CAN'T
UNRAVEL.

ARKHAM
ASYLUM.

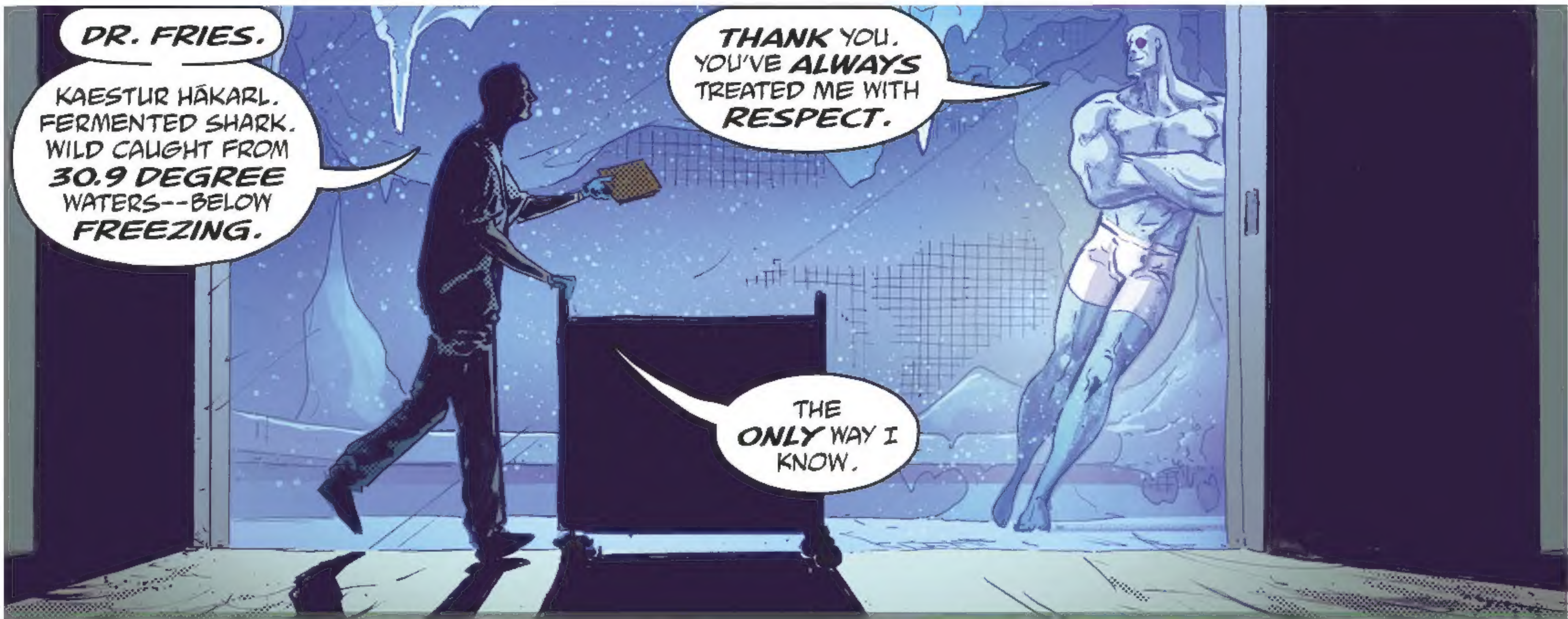
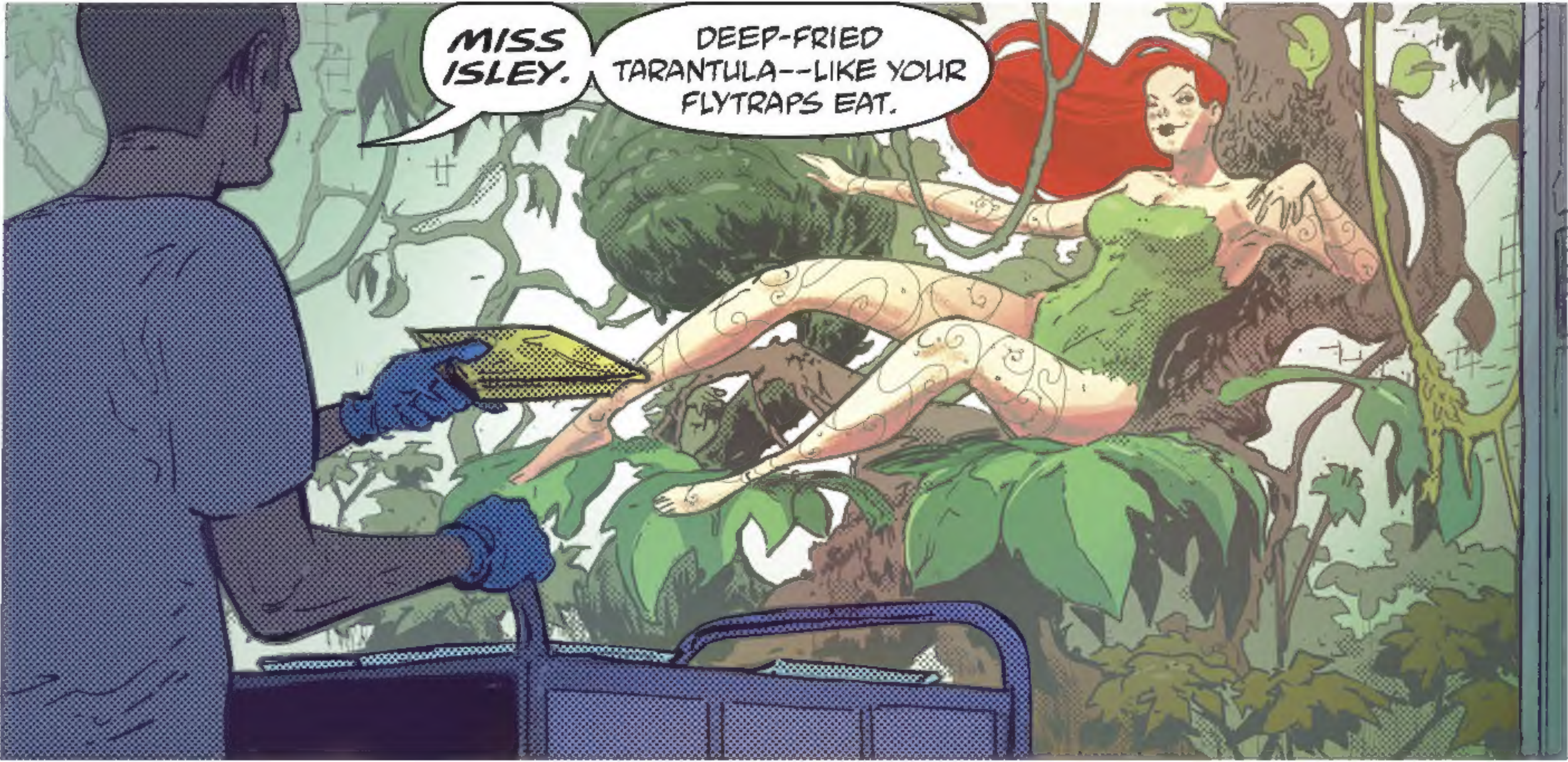
GOTHAM
COUNTY.

ONE
WEEK
AGO.

HEY!
WHAT'S IN YOUR
CART TODAY? ANY-
THING **GOOD**?

STILL DON'T
GET **WHY** YOU
DO IT NIGHT AFTER
NIGHT, MAN. YOU
REALLY **CARE** OR
SOMETHING?

I'M **JUST**
DOING
THE ROUNDS,
AARON.





SMITHSTREET ARMS
APARTMENTS.

SOON AFTER.

CALM
DOWN,
RUSSELL.
WHAT
ARE YOU
BARKING
ABOUT?
IT'S JUST
ME.



LOOK AT
YOU! KEEP
THE HOUSE
SAFE?



READ ANY
BOOKS
WHILE I WAS
GONE?

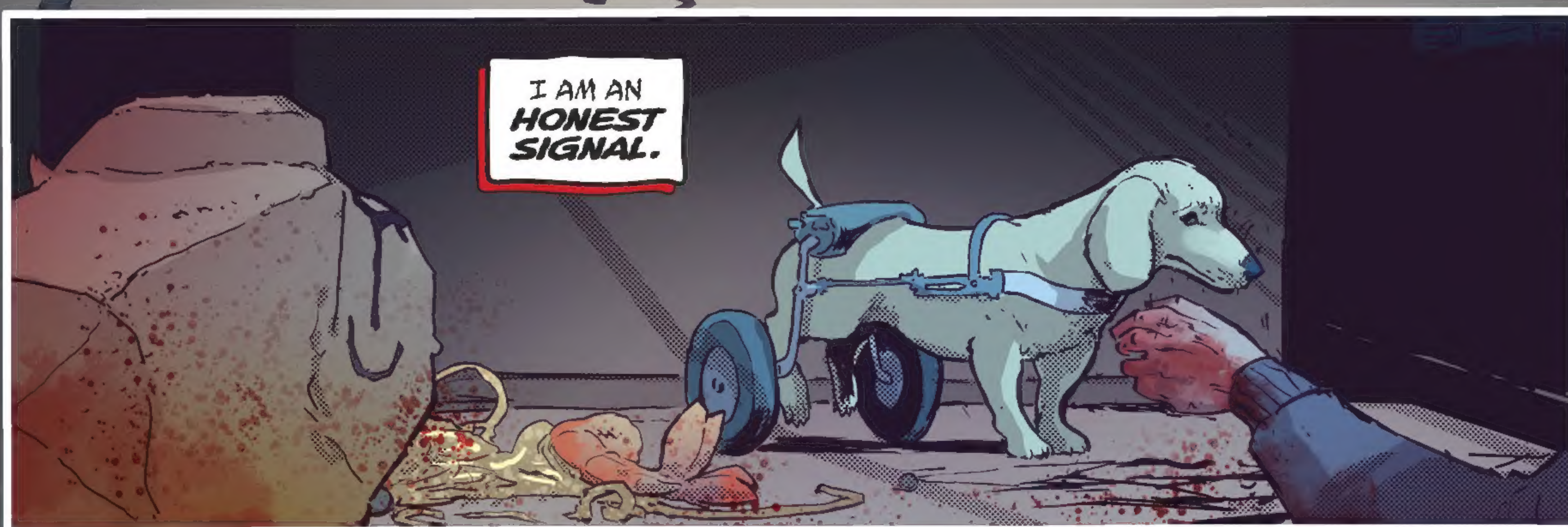
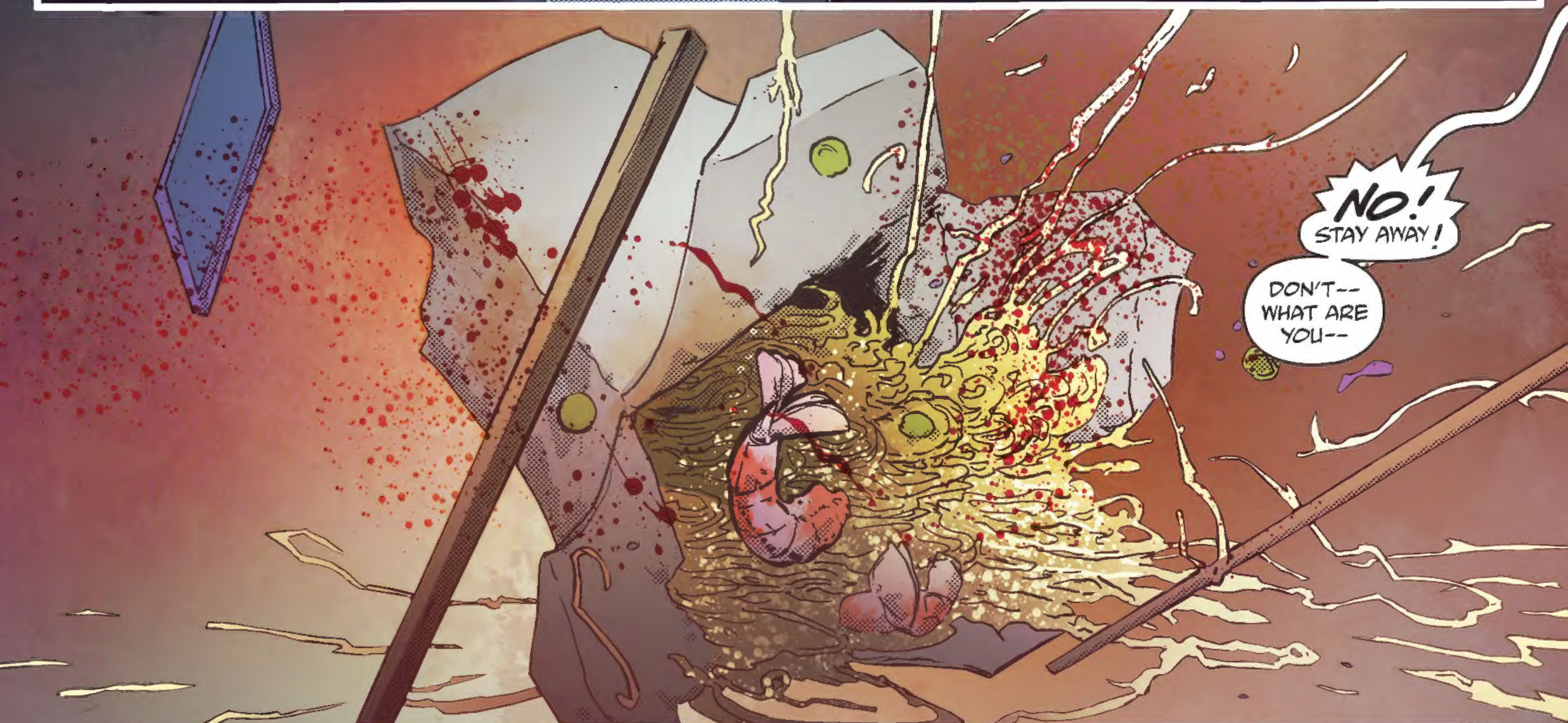


HEY! IT'S REESE. GREAT
HANGING OUT LAST NIGHT--
WHO KNEW ANYONE WAS INTO
THE **MANIAKS**?

ANYWAY, YOU SEEM
LIKE A SWEET GUY. IF IT'S
NOT WEIRD...ARE YOU FREE THIS
WEEKEND? NO BIG IF NOT. I JUST
HAD A GREAT TIME...AND I
DON'T WANT TO MISS OUR
CHANCE, **YOU KNOW?**



I'M REALLY EXCITED TO
SEE WHAT COMES NEXT.



HOURS LATER.

PLACE IS SEALED AND TAGGED, PEOPLE.

GO AHEAD, I'LL MEET THE CORONER. NO REASON FOR US ALL TO MISS BREAKFAST.

YOU'RE A SAINT, MONTOYA.

DON'T CANONIZE ME YET, GROGAN.

PAPER-WORK'S HEADING RIGHT FOR YOUR DESK. NEXT TO THAT BAGEL AND COFFEE.



DON'T BLASPHEME, CAPTAIN. HAVEN'T HAD A REAL BAGEL SINCE THE TRANSFER FROM SOHO.

...WHAT DO YOU WANT?



I NEED TIME WITH THE BODY. ALONE.

YOU THE COMMISSIONER NOW?



WANT TIME WITH THE BODY, BATMAN? IT TAKES ME FOUR AND A HALF MINUTES TO SMOKE.

DON'T BE HERE WHEN I GET BACK.



PLIK

BAT-OPS: ACTIVATE FORENSIC OVERLAY.



YES, BAT-1.

LAMONT CRANSTON.

THE FIRST MURDER AT SMITHSTREET ARMS. WHY YOU?



SCAN COMPLETE. UNKNOWN AIRBORNE CONTAMINANT DETECTED.

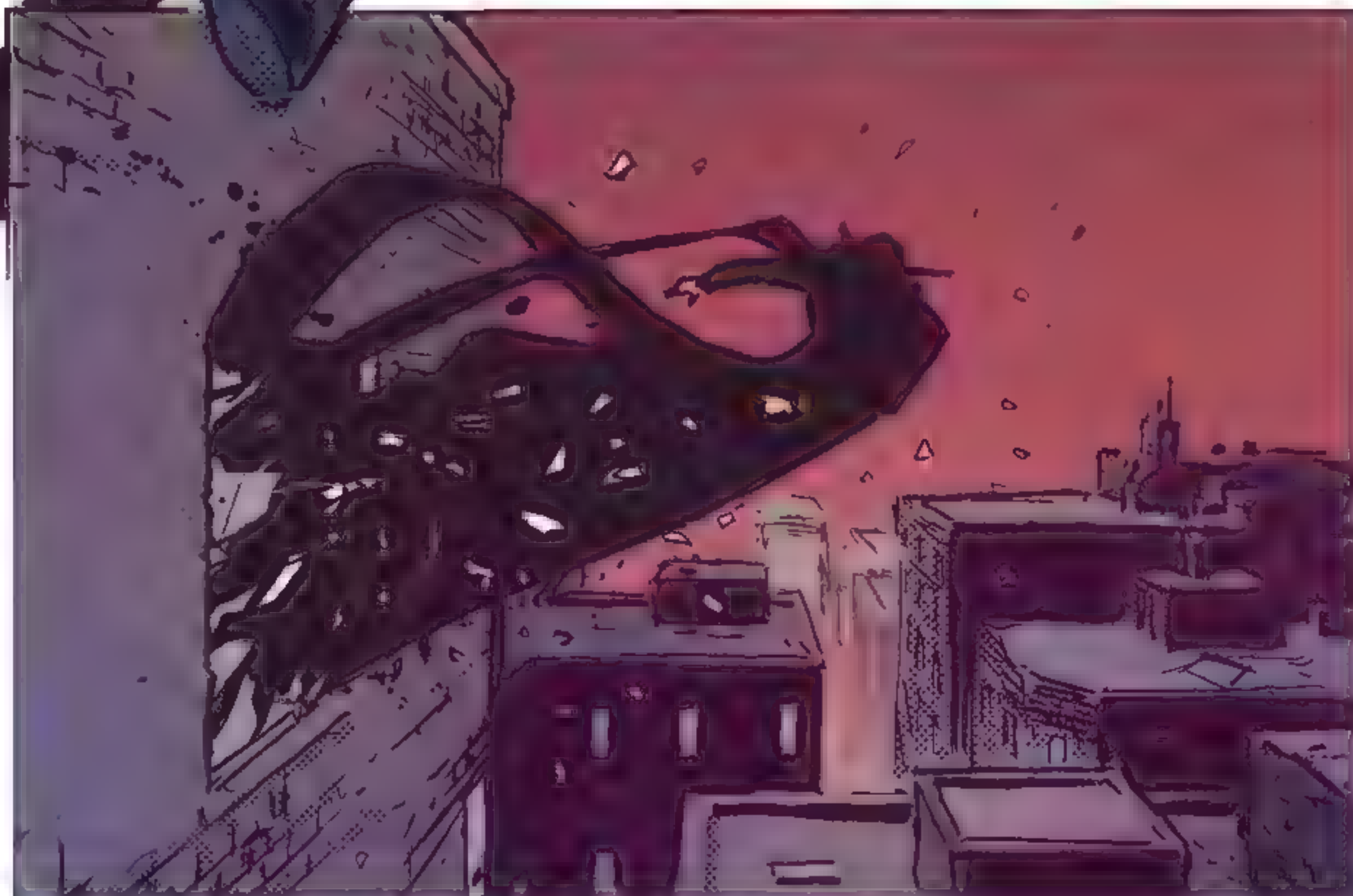
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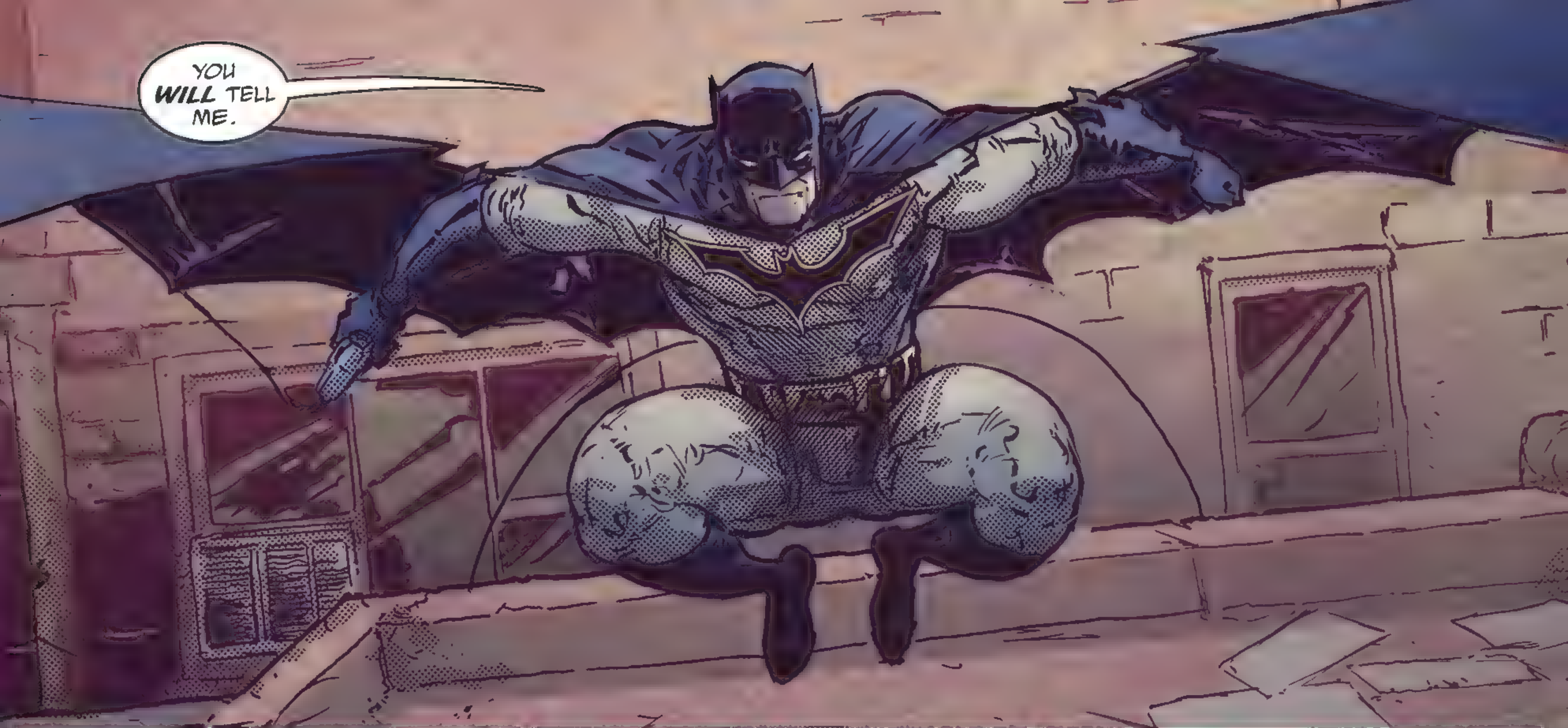
...SORRY-- BAT-OPS: REPEAT. COULD BARELY HEAR YOU...

BAT OPS: RE-SCAN. I'M HAVING TROUBLE CONCENTRATING...



HA HA HA HA HA





YOU
WILL TELL
ME.



BATMAN. YOU'RE NOT
SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.



A MAN IS
DEAD.



I'M EXACTLY
WHERE I NEED
TO BE.



YOU'VE FALLEN TO A WORLD BIGGER
AND DARKER THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE.



I DON'T
LOOK AWAY
FROM THE
DARK.



"NO WORLD IS BEYOND OUR
REACH, EXCEPT THAT WHICH
WE TURN AWAY FROM."



PATRICK
WOULD BE
PROUD, BRUCE.

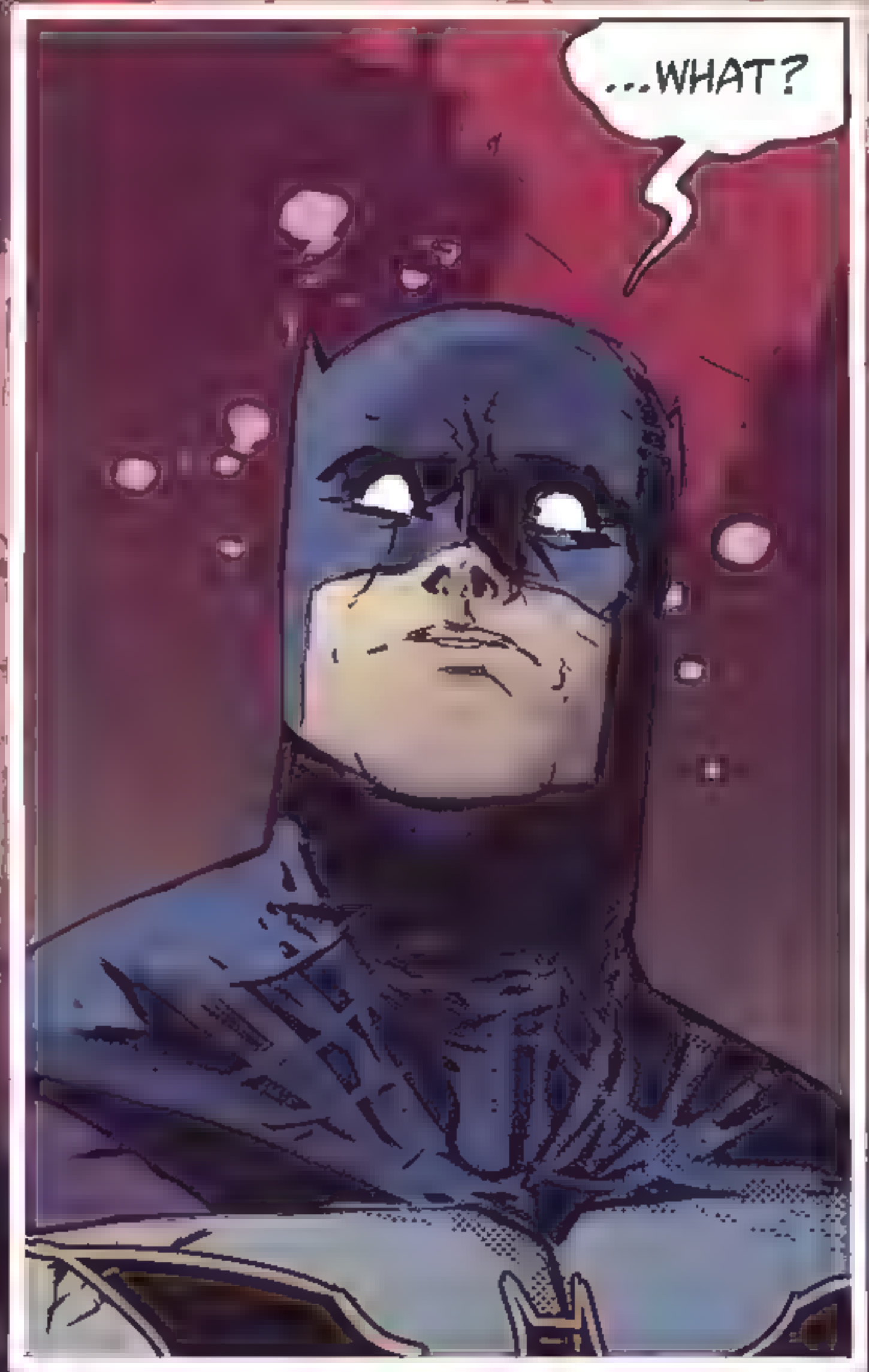


...THE
LETTER.
NO.

THERE'S NO
WAY YOU COULD
KNOW THAT.



THE
SHADOW
KNOWS.



...WHAT?



HNGAH!
WHERE DID---



GONE...
IT **CAN'T**
BE.

WHOEVER
YOU ARE...I
HOPE YOU'RE
LISTENING.

BATS
LIVE IN THE
SHADOWS.



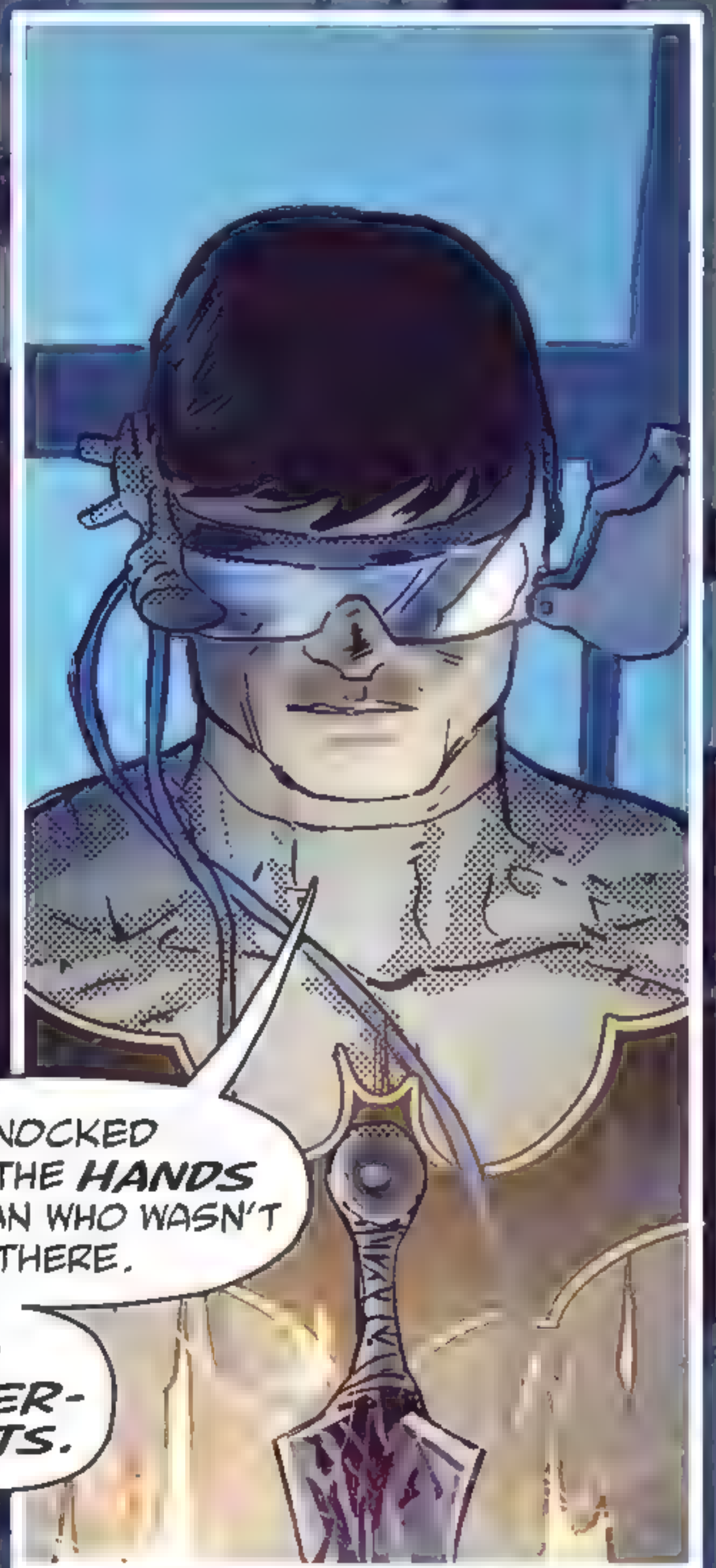
"I'M
COMING
FOR YOU."

THE
BATCAVE.

BAT-OPS:
EVIDENCE LOG. BEGIN
CASE FILE 1994.
RECORDING.

YES, BAT-1.

ITEM ONE:
PREHISTORIC DAGGER.
DATED OVER 50,000
YEARS OLD. PERFECT MATCH
TO VICTIM'S SKULL
WOUND.



KNOCKED
FROM THE **HANDS**
OF A MAN WHO WASN'T
THERE.

NO
FINGER-
PRINTS.

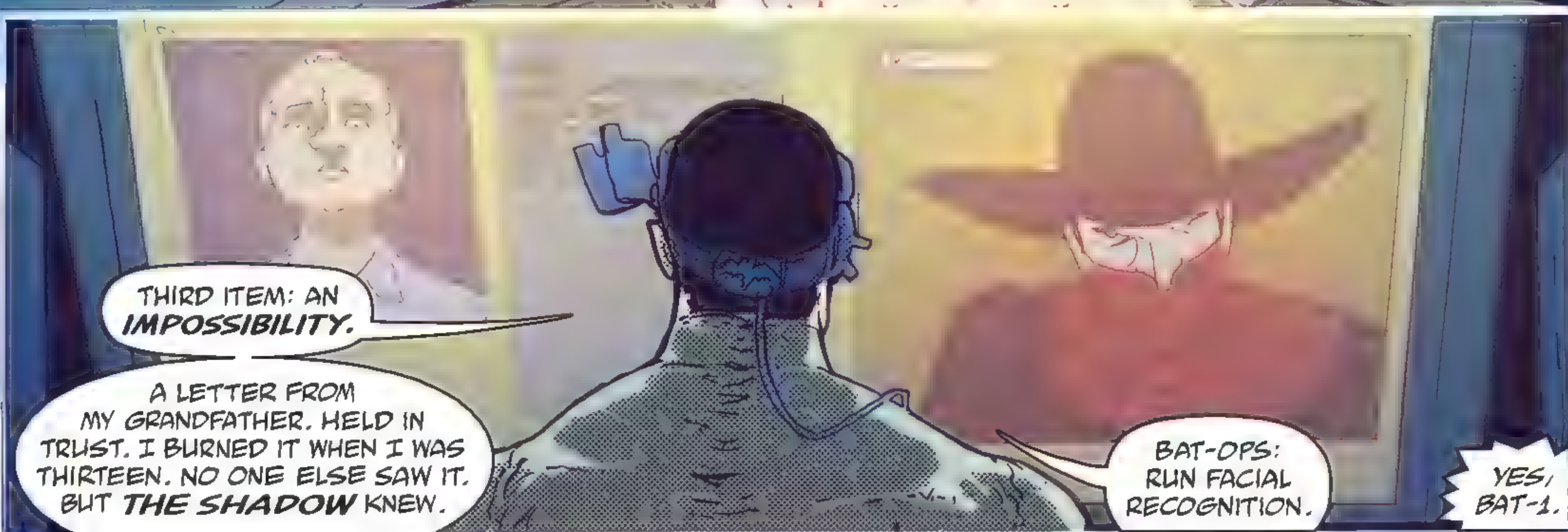


ITEM TWO:
LAMONT CRANSTON.
DECEASED.

AGE
THIRTY-
THREE. TYPE O
NEGATIVE. ARKHAM
FOOD SERVICE.
FOSTER PARENT
TO RESCUE
DOGS.

BAT-OPS:
OPEN COWL
FOOTAGE
1931.

YES,
BAT-1.



THIRD ITEM: AN
IMPOSSIBILITY.

A LETTER FROM
MY GRANDFATHER. HELD IN
TRUST. I BURNED IT WHEN I WAS
THIRTEEN. NO ONE ELSE SAW IT.
BUT **THE SHADOW** KNEW.

BAT-OPS:
RUN FACIAL
RECOGNITION.

YES,
BAT-1.



SCANNING DATA FIELDS. NATIONAL
CENSUS--NEGATIVE. LIVE CCTV--
NEGATIVE. VIDEO
ARCHIVES--
NEGATIVE.

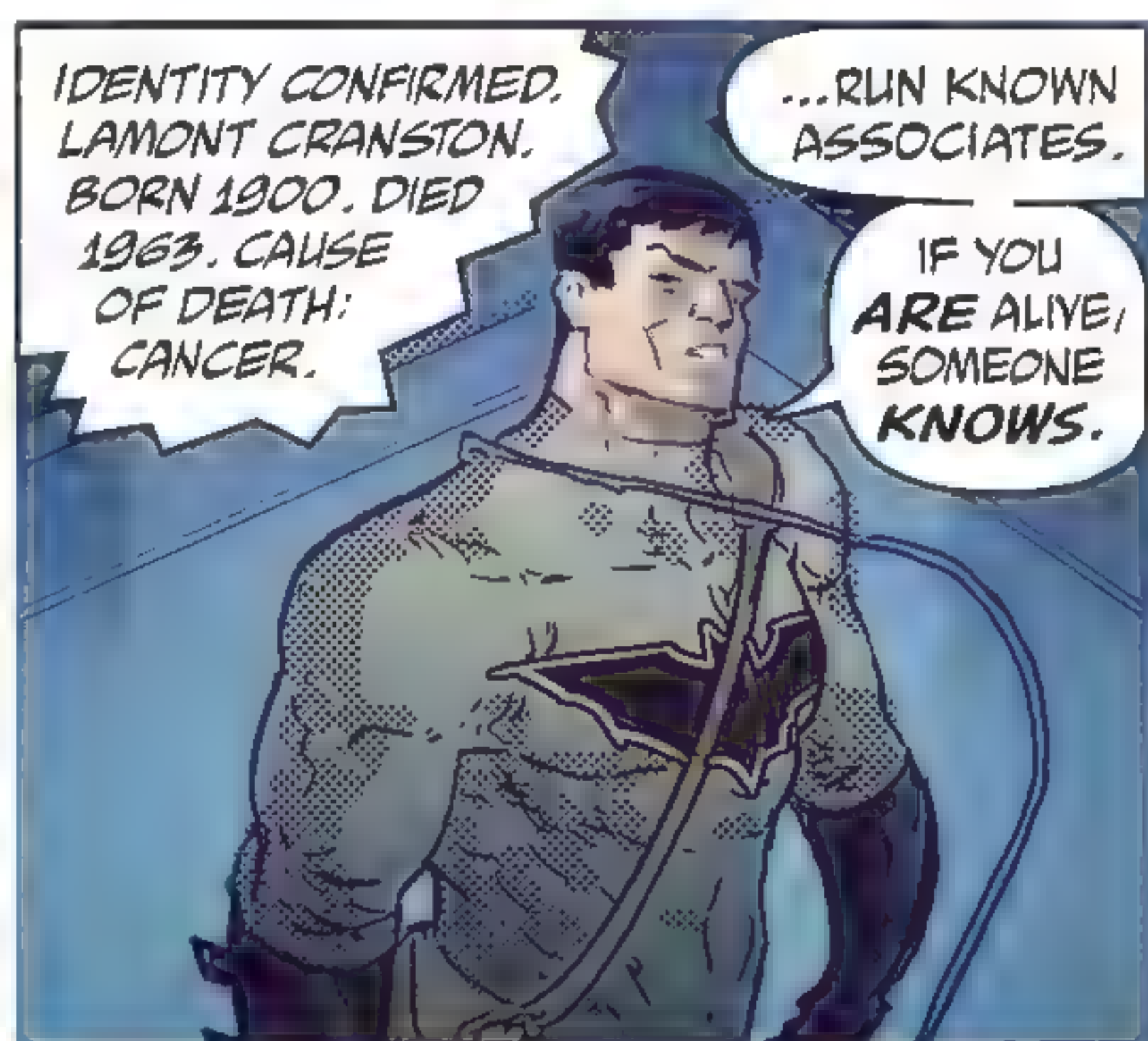
NEWSPAPER
RECORDS.
MICROFICHE--

POSITIVE.
MATCH FOUND.



IDENTITY
CONFIRMED:
LAMONT
CRANSTON.

...NO. RUN IT
AGAIN.



IDENTITY CONFIRMED.
LAMONT CRANSTON.
BORN 1900. DIED
1963. CAUSE
OF DEATH:
CANCER.

...RUN KNOWN
ASSOCIATES.

IF YOU
ARE ALIVE,
SOMEONE
KNOWS.

NEW YORK.

YOU KNEW CRANSTON, MR. VINCENT. **HOW** COULD HE BE ALIVE?

...THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE CALLING HIM? KNEW HIM, **SURE**. HE PULLED THE GUN OUT OF MY MOUTH.

THEN HELD IT OVER MY HEAD FOR **FIFTY YEARS**.

CLYDE BURKE.

SURE, CRANSTON COULD'VE **FAKED** HIS DEATH. WOULD'A MADE A GREAT **BYLINE** FOR ME.

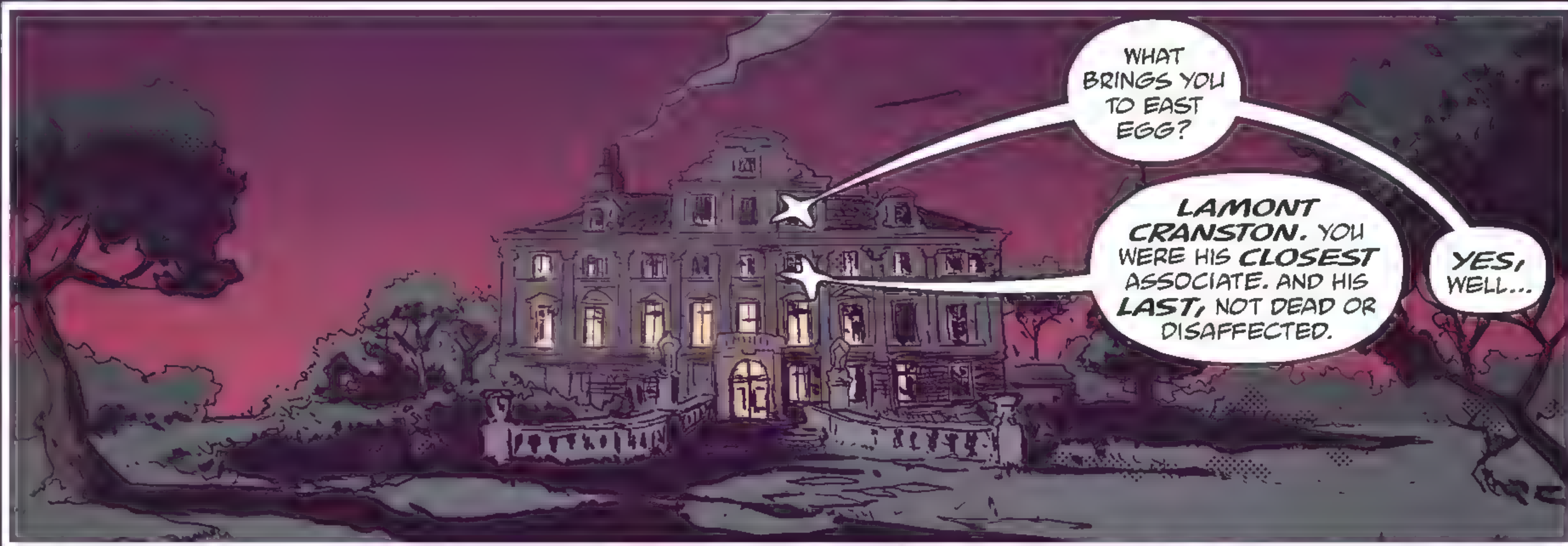
CLIFF MARSLAND. FIGHTER PILOT. THE GREAT WAR. DIED 1963-- SAME YEAR AS CRANSTON.

ONLY ONE COMES **HERE** ANYMORE IS ME.

AND WHY IS **THAT**, MISS SHREVNITZ?

DAD'S BURIED HERE. HE DROVE FOR CRANSTON FOR YEARS. ALL HOURS. IF THAT OLD BASTARD'S ALIVE, HE AIN'T **HERE**.

HE KNOWS NOT TO BOTHER MY DAD WHILE **I'M** AROUND.



WHAT BRINGS YOU TO EAST EGG?

LAMONT CRANSTON. YOU WERE HIS **CLOSEST** ASSOCIATE. AND HIS **LAST**, NOT DEAD OR DISAFFECTED.

YES, WELL...

I **WOULD** BE THE LAST, WOULDN'T I?

YOUR VOICE...YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF ME, MISS LANE.

WHY **WOULD** I BE, BATMAN? I'VE SEEN WORSE THAN YOU.



I KNEW **ALL** LAMONT'S FACES--SHADOW. KENT ALLARD. YING KO. AND **MORE**. WE SAVED LIVES TOGETHER. IN THE **THIRTIES**.

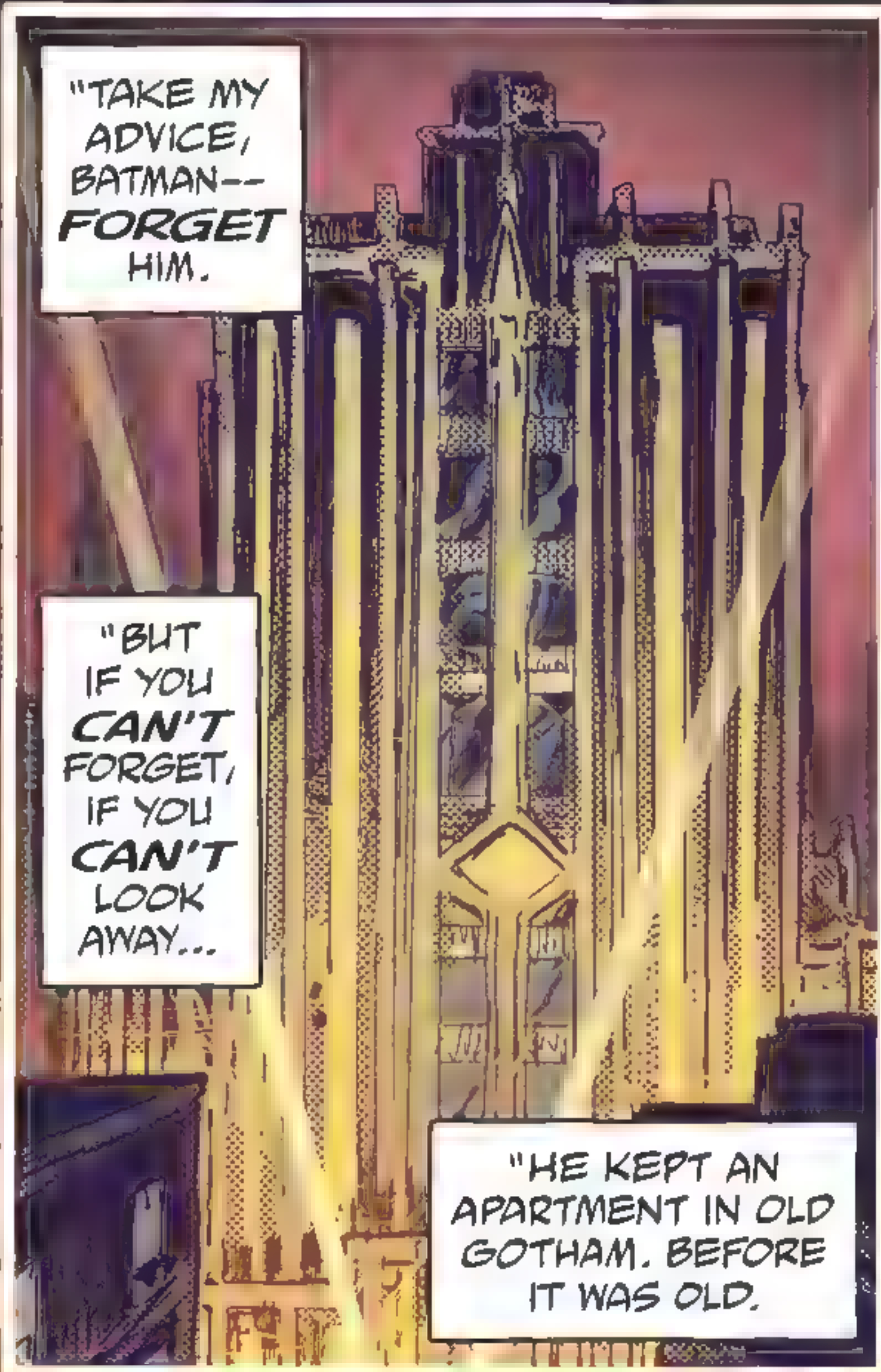
HOW IS HE STILL **ALIVE**, MARGO?

I'M STILL ALIVE. BUT I GOT OLD. **ALL** OF HIS AGENTS GOT OLD. HE DIDN'T. HIS **HATE** KEPT HIM YOUNG.

HE WAS **OBSESSED** WITH PUNISHING CRIME. THERE WAS A **CRUEL POWER** IN HIM. WE HAVEN'T SPOKEN...



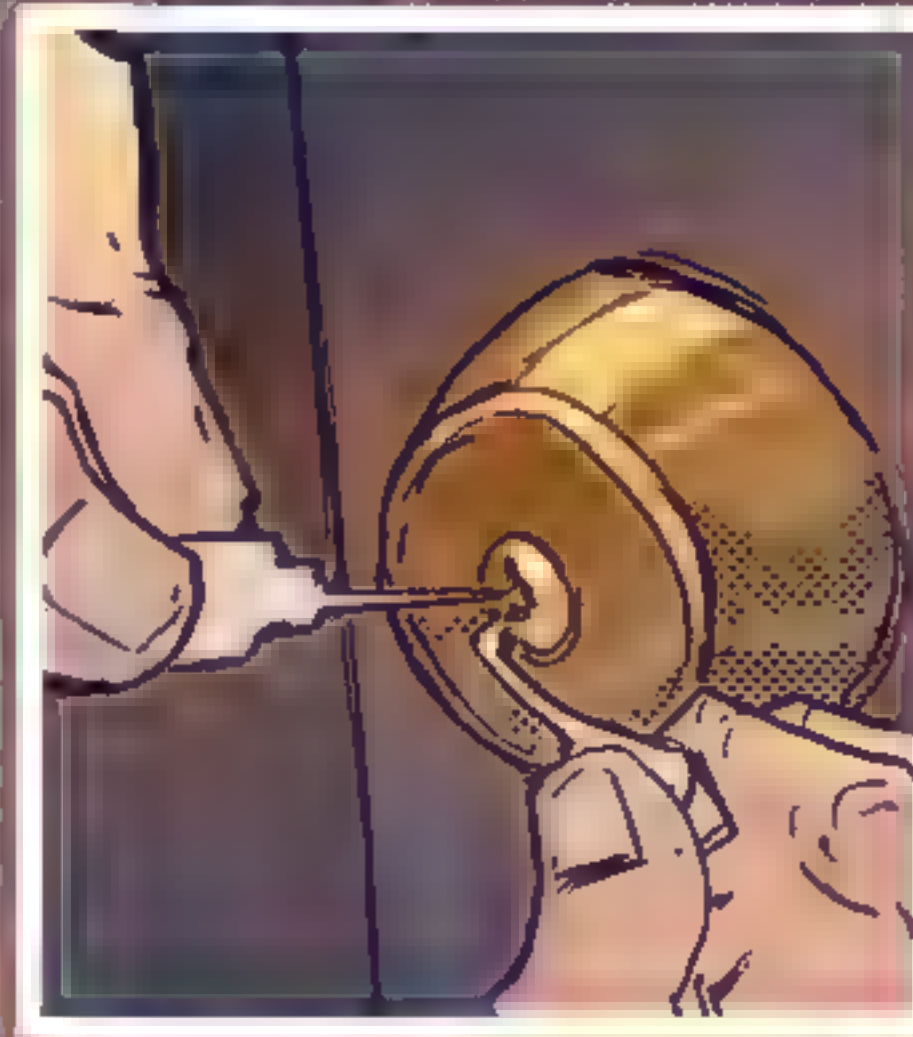
...SINCE HE TOLD US TO CALL HIM BY A **NEW NAME**. **MASTER**.





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WHAT WAS THAT THE MASTER SAID AGAIN?



HERE WE ARE...
...731.

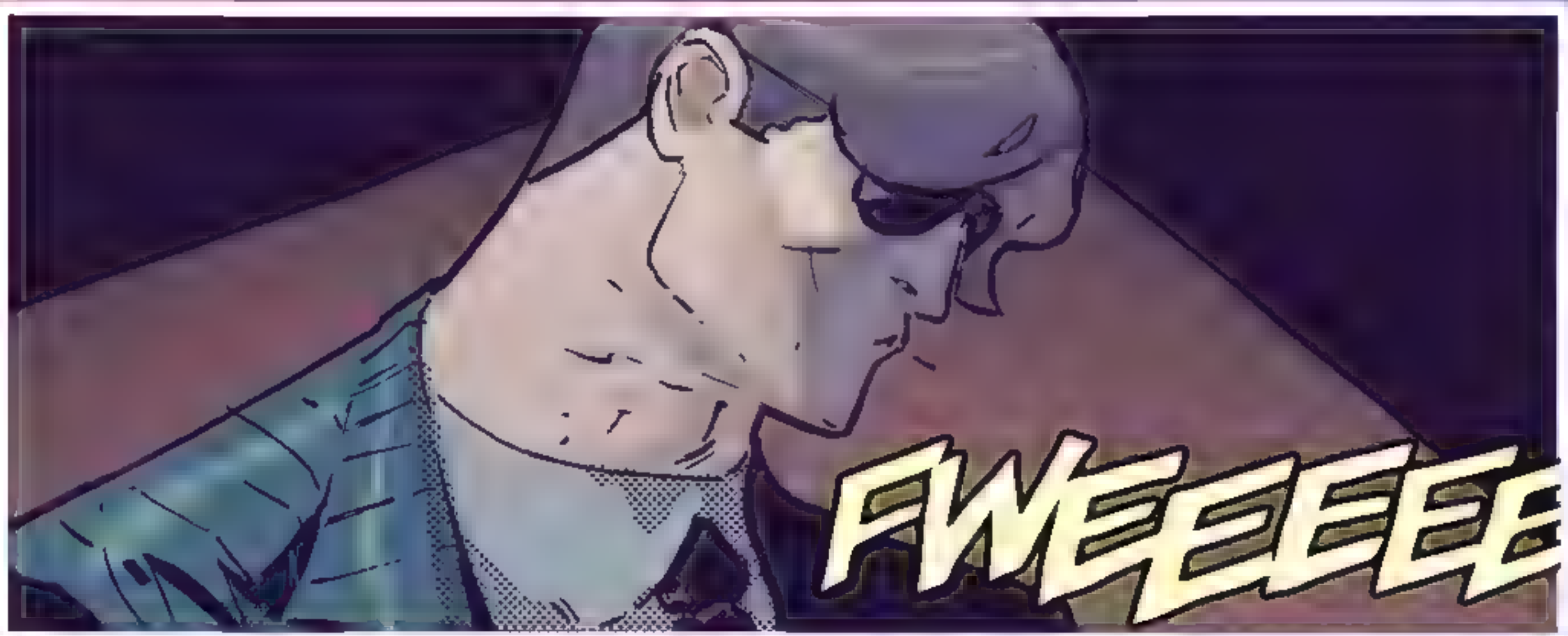


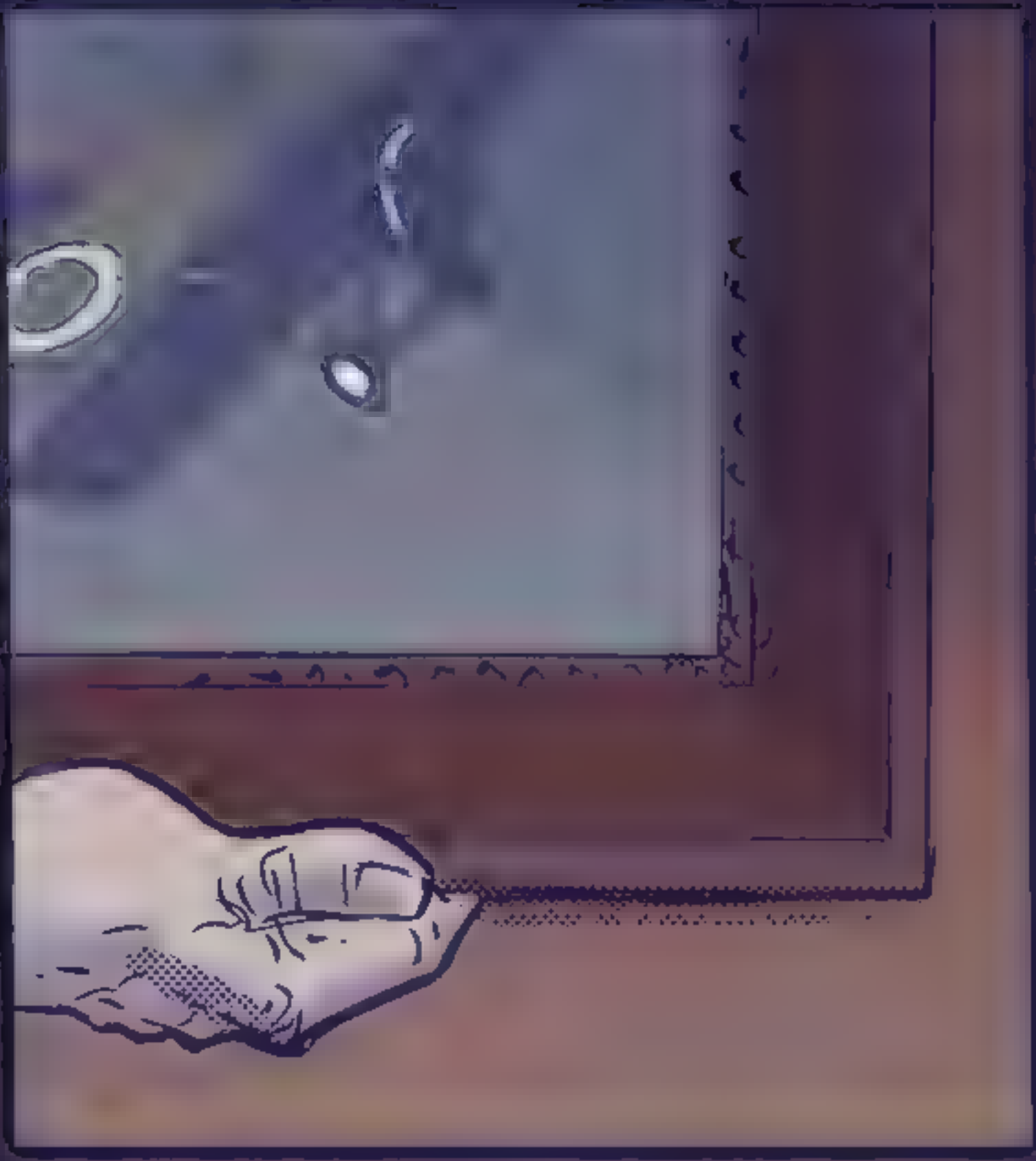
PATRICK WAYNE. "NO WORLD IS BEYOND OUR REACH EXCEPT THAT WHICH WE TURN AWAY FROM."



DON'T WORRY, GRAND-FATHER. I'M **NOT** TURNING AWAY.

NOW. LET'S SEE WHERE THE **REAL** CRANSTON'S HIDING.







BAT-OPS:
ACCESS
CASE FILE
1994.

DISPLAY
ITEM ONE.



IT'S A MATCH.
I **ALREADY**
SEE IT. BUT GO
AHEAD.

CONFIRMED,
BAT-1. PENETRATING SCAN
SHOWS 99 PERCENT MATCH.

UPDATING. NEW INFORMATION.
ARCHIVE MATCH FOUND.

WHAT?



DALBERGIA
NIGRA. 100
PERCENT MATCH
TO ARCHIVE
ITEM NUMBER
599.



599. THAT'S
THE **STRICT**
CONTESTOR...THE
TRAINING SWORD.
BRAZILIAN ROSEWOOD.

ONE OF
THE RAREST,
HARDEST SPECIES
OF WOOD IN THE
WORLD...





"...BUT I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE."

THE FRENCH ALPS. NOW.

I HUNTED A MAN LONG DEAD, DUCARD. KNOW WHAT I FOUND?

A FACE UNCHANGED FOR DECADES. THE BONES OF A GLOBAL CRIME-FIGHTING NETWORK.

WHOLE FAMILIES DEDICATING THEIR LIVES TO A MAN THEY CALL THE **MASTER**.

SAFE HOUSES IN NEW YORK, GOTHAM, HUB CITY. ALIASES. TROPHIES. **FACES**. WEAPONRY.

AND A STRICT CONTESTOR **IDENTICAL** TO THE ONE WE MADE TOGETHER, **YEARS** AGO, WHEN I WAS YOUR **STUDENT**.

QUITE A **STORY**, BRUCE.



I ASKED YOU TO HELP ME SOLVE A **MYSTERY**, DUCARD. AND YOU **CAN**.

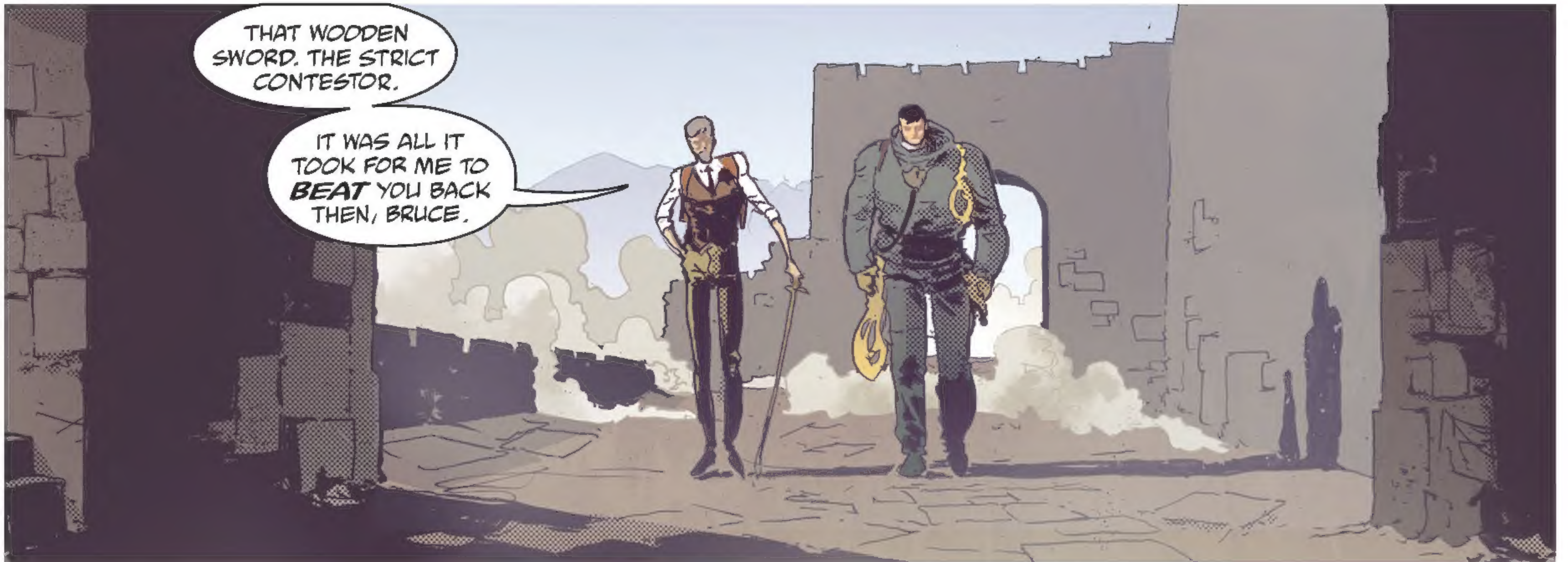
LAMONT CRANSTON KILLED HIS OWN DESCENDANT. HE'S KILLED BEFORE. I **KNOW** YOU TRAINED HIM, HENRI. HELP ME FIND HIM.



HELP ME FIND **THE SHADOW**.



»CHK«



THAT WOODEN
SWORD. THE STRICT
CONTESTOR.

IT WAS ALL IT
TOOK FOR ME TO
BEAT YOU BACK
THEN, BRUCE.



I CAN STILL SEE YOU
FUMBLING WITH THE CHISEL
AND PLANES, **GOUGING**
THE WOOD.

YOU WERE
DESPERATE
TO MAKE ONE OF
YOUR OWN.



BUT YOU WERE
CUTTING **AGAINST**
THE GRAIN. WORKING
AGAINST YOURSELF.

YOU'VE NEVER
STOPPED
WORKING AGAINST
THE GRAIN...



BRUCE. YOU THINK
CRANSTON WAS MY
STUDENT?

YOU SEEK THE
SHADOW?

DON'T
WORRY...

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HE'S
CLOSER
THAN YOU
THINK.

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OF THE BAT.**



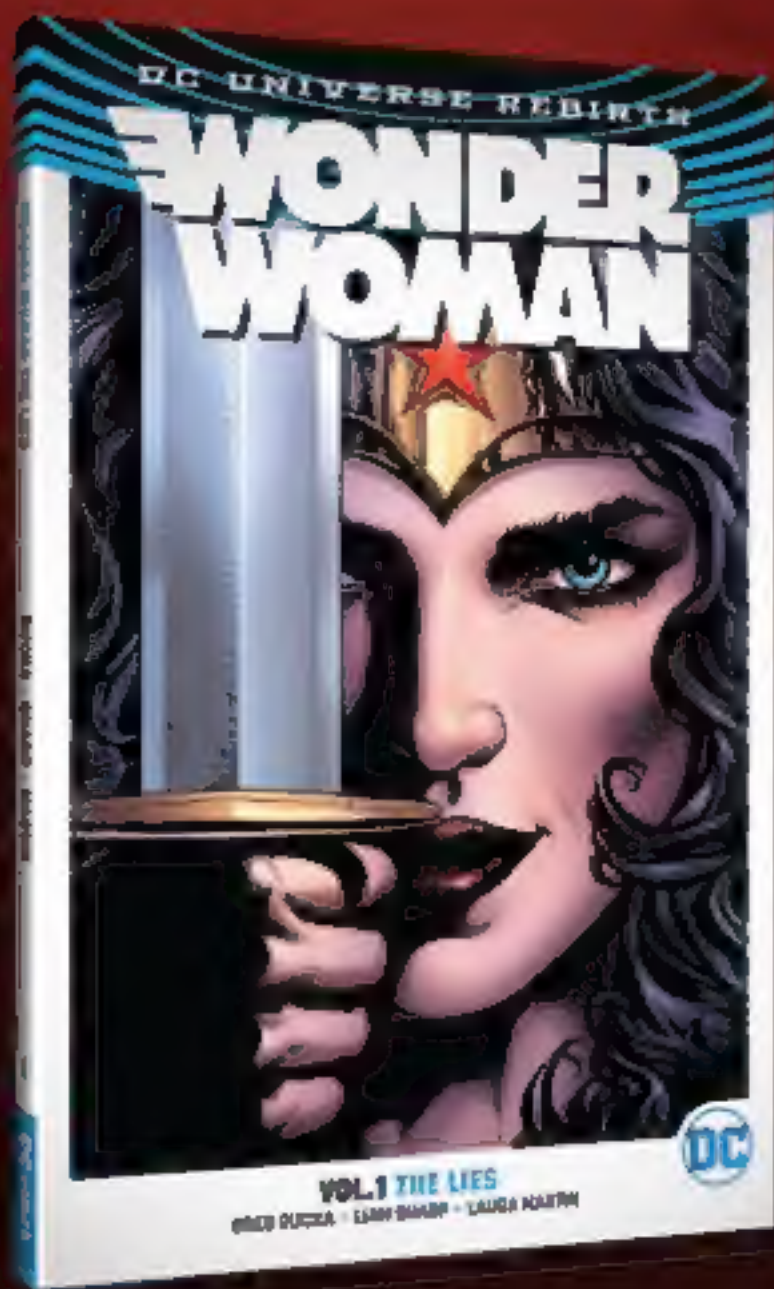
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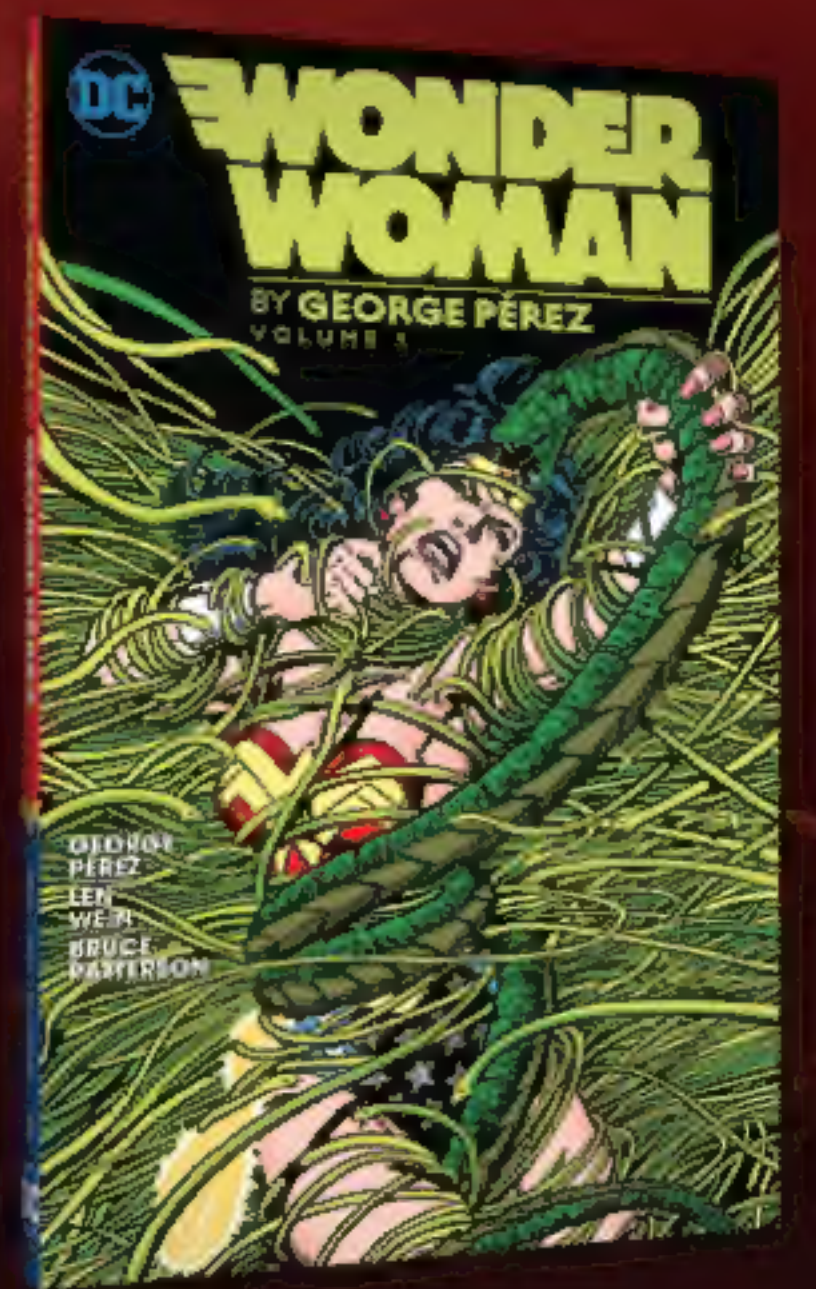
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HER GREATEST BATTLES
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